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## **PATENT**

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Customer Number: 20277

Kouji TANGE, et al.

Confirmation Number: 1874

Application No.: 10/714,362

Group Art Unit: 1756

Filed: November 17, 2003

Examiner: Stephen Rosasco

For: PHOTOMASK, AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of September 28, 2005 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1 through 3) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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